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## SENATE BILL No. 55

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-8.1.

**Synopsis:** Public school transfer program. Establishes a public elementary and secondary school transfer program. Allows the parent of a public school student to request a transfer for the student to enroll in: (1) a different public school in the student's base school corporation; or (2) a public school in a different school corporation. Provides an allocation of public funds for transfer students between the base school corporation and the receiving school corporation, and provides that the parent is responsible for transportation and any additional costs. Allows adjoining school corporations to enter into an interlocal agreement under which students may attend school in the adjoining school corporations.

**Effective:** July 1, 2002.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-1-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 1.5. As used in this article,**  
4 **"ADM" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-3-1.6-1.1.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 20-8.1-6.1-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 0.5. This chapter does not apply**  
8 **to a student who under:**

9 (1) **section 14 of this chapter; or**  
10 (2) **the public elementary and secondary school transfer**  
11 **program (IC 20-8.1-15);**

12 **attends a public school that is outside the school corporation where**  
13 **the student has legal settlement.**

14 SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-6.1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
15 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 14. (a) The governing body of a**  
17 **school corporation may enter into an interlocal agreement under**



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IC 36-1-7 with the governing body of an adjoining school corporation under which a student whose legal settlement is in the school corporation may attend school in the adjoining school corporation.

(b) If a student attends school in an adjoining school corporation under an interlocal agreement described in subsection (a):

(1) the provisions of this chapter and IC 20-8.1-6.5 concerning transfer tuition do not apply; and

(2) the terms of the interlocal agreement concerning the payment of costs for the student's attendance apply.

SECTION 4. IC 20-8.1-6.5-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: **Sec. 0.5. This chapter does not apply to a student who under:**

(1) IC 20-8.1-6.1-14; or

(2) the public elementary and secondary school transfer program (IC 20-8.1-15);

**attends a public school that is outside the school corporation where the student has legal settlement.**

SECTION 5. IC 20-8.1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]:

**Chapter 15. Public Elementary and Secondary School Transfer Program**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "base school corporation" means the school corporation where a student has legal settlement.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the public elementary and secondary school transfer program.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "public school" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-10.1-1-2.**

**Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "transfer" refers to a transfer under the public elementary and secondary school transfer program established under this chapter.**

**Sec. 5. The public elementary and secondary school transfer program is established.**

**Sec. 6. On a date the department specifies that falls before the beginning of a school year, the department shall grant transfers and renewal transfers under this chapter.**

**Sec. 7. (a) The department shall grant a transfer to a student who meets the following requirements:**

(1) The student's parent requests a transfer for the student.

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(2) The student's parent selects a school for the student to attend under the transfer program.

(3) The school is a public school in Indiana that is:

(A) in the student's base school corporation but is a different school from the school where the school corporation has assigned the student; or

(B) not a school in the student's base school corporation.

(4) Except as provided in section 13(b) of this chapter, the principal of the school and the superintendent of the school corporation where the school is located jointly agree to enroll the student in the school.

(b) The department shall grant a renewal transfer to a student who meets the following requirements:

(1) The student previously received a transfer in any year.

(2) The requirements of subsection (a) are met.

(c) The department may not grant a transfer to a student who wishes to enroll in a school primarily for athletic reasons.

**Sec. 8.** Not later than April 1 before the beginning of a school year for which a parent seeks enrollment of a student under the transfer program, the student's parent shall notify the superintendent of the school corporation in which the parent seeks to have the student enroll of the parent's request to have the student enrolled.

**Sec. 9. (a)** The superintendent of a school corporation where a parent seeks enrollment of a student under the transfer program:

(1) is not required to enroll the student; and

(2) may not enroll the student if enrollment will cause the school corporation to be out of compliance with a court order, including a court order described in IC 20-8.1-6.5-1.

(b) A superintendent may not refuse to enroll a student in violation of IC 20-8.1-2.

(c) A superintendent shall notify a parent who makes a request under section 8 of this chapter of the superintendent's decision not later than thirty (30) days after receiving a request for enrollment under section 8 of this chapter.

**Sec. 10.** The following apply when a student transfers under this chapter to a school in the student's base school corporation:

(1) There is no monetary transfer award.

(2) There is no change in:

(A) the ADM of the school corporation; or

(B) state assistance to the school corporation.

(3) The school corporation is not required to provide

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transportation for the student.

**Sec. 11.** The following apply when a student transfers under this chapter to a school that is not a school in the student's base school corporation:

(1) The amount of the transfer tuition is fifty percent (50%) of the state aid per ADM provided under IC 21-3 to the student's base school corporation.

(2) The student remains in the ADM of the student's base school corporation until the earlier of the following:

(A) The date the student graduates from a high school.

(B) The date of the end of the school year during which the student becomes eighteen (18) years of age.

(3) The school that enrolls the student may not include the student in the school's ADM.

(4) The department shall do the following:

(A) Pay the amount of the transfer tuition to the school that enrolls the student.

(B) Deduct the amount of the transfer tuition from the distribution of state aid to the student's base school corporation.

(5) The parent of the student is responsible for all costs of the student to attend the school that exceed the amount of the transfer tuition.

(6) The student's base school corporation and the school corporation that enrolls the student are not responsible for providing transportation for the student.

**Sec. 12.** Except as provided in section 13(b) of this chapter, at the end of each school year the superintendent of the school corporation that enrolls a student under the program and the principal of the school the student attends shall jointly:

(1) determine whether to enroll the student for the following school year; and

(2) inform the department of the decision.

**Sec. 13. (a)** The governing body of a school corporation may adopt a policy that sets guidelines to be used in determining whether:

(1) to accept a student for enrollment under the program; and

(2) to continue a student's enrollment under the program.

(b) Notwithstanding sections 7(a)(4) and 12 of this chapter, a policy adopted under this section may provide that the governing body makes a determination of whether to enroll a student or continue a student's enrollment under the program.



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1       **Sec. 14.** For purposes of accountability for performance and  
2 assessing school improvement under IC 20-10.2, a student who  
3 transfers to a school under the program established by this chapter  
4 is included as a student in the school to which the student  
5 transferred.

6       **Sec. 15.** The department shall establish procedures for the  
7 administration of this chapter.

8       **Sec. 16.** The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to  
9 implement and administer the program.

10       **SECTION 6.** [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002] (a) As used in this  
11 **SECTION**, "department" has the meaning set forth in  
12 IC 20-8.1-1-17.

13       (b) As used in this **SECTION**, "school year" means the period  
14 of time described in IC 20-10.1-2-1.

15       (c) The department shall grant transfers under IC 20-8.1-15, as  
16 added by this act, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

17       (d) This **SECTION** expires July 1, 2005.

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